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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, which was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 5, 2001, in the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect with traverse Group I, drawn to proteins appended with hydrophobic moieties. Applicants elect this invention with traverse, because claims 1-27 encompass overlapping subject matter based on proteins appended with hydrophobic moieties, and thus Groups I and II could be examined simultaneously without significant additional burden. Applicants point out that new claims 94-105, added in the preliminary amendment filed October 24, 2001, are directed to polypeptides modified with a hydrophobic moiety (Group I invention) and are accordingly elected by this response. Applicants submit that, in light of the preliminary amendment filed